

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HAMILTON

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O F
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DECEMBER 1935

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting of December 1935.

Members present: Alderman William Ainslie, Chairman, His Worship Mayor Wilton, Alderman Dr. Thomas White, Dr. J. W. Bell, Dr. James Roberts, Medical Officer of Health.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Applications were presented from the following for positions as clerk-stenographer to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignations of the Misses Dobson and Learmonth:

Miss Dorothy Beattie	18 Picton St. W.
Miss Evelyn Bond	211 Napier St.
Miss Kathleen Broadbent	50 South Oval.
Miss Marion Dore	443 Wentworth St. N.
Miss Mary Forrest	20 Ashley St.
Miss Evelyn Hughes	14 Connaught Ave. So.
Miss Isobel McKay	20 Wentworth St. S.
Miss Jean O'Neill	76 Simcoe St. E.
Miss Frances Shain	150 King William St.
Miss Isabel Stowell	225 James St. South.
Miss Helen Waldron	927 King St. E.

Dr. Roberts suggested that the applicants appear in person.

The applications were then requested to be read wherein the applicants' qualifications were recited.

Miss Jean O'Neill and Miss Frances Shain showing the best qualifications on educational standards were appointed to fill the vacancies as clerk-stenographers under the terms of the By-law regulating Clerks: the appointees to be on probation as to their ability to perform their duties.

On motion of Dr. White seconded by Dr. Bell, Mr. J. Homer, who has been serving temporarily as Clerk was appointed permanently under the terms of the By-law regulating clerks. Dr. Roberts advising that Mr. Homer's services were satisfactory and recommending Mr. Homer's appointment.

Dr. Roberts reminded the Board that they had given Miss Yaldon, clerk-stenographer of the Department one year's leave of absence to further her studies in University and that if she returned to duty, would necessitate one of the two lady clerks appointed today on probation being a temporary appointment only and Dr. Roberts was appointed to decide which of these clerks, after trial was to be a temporary appointment.

On motion of Dr. Roberts seconded by Dr. White, Mr. E. J. Picton, Statistician of the Department was promoted to the position of Statistician and Chief Clerk of the Department with annual salary at the rate of \$2000 (less deduction) re-affirming a previous recommendation.

On motion of Dr. White seconded by Dr. Bell the Board decided in favour of the dentists receiving one month's pay each withheld owing to a cut in the estimates, having performed their duties during the month in question: and re-affirming their previous recommendation to the Board of Control that the Board be permitted to overdraw \$916 on Dentist Salary account to meet the one month's salary payment herein recommended.

Regarding the previous action of the Board in the matter of the nuisance from coal dust by the Weaver Coal Company complained of by the residents of Burlington Street, Aubrey Shain, Chief Inspector advised that the Company were reducing and removing the coal nearest the street that was causing the nuisance.

The Board deferred any further action in the matter at this time.

The Board then adjourned.

(Signed) H. Barr.
Secretary.

VITAL STATISTICS

December 1935

BIRTHS

	1934	1935
Births registered.....	189	183
Rate per 1,000 population, per annum.	14.7	14.2

STILLBIRTHS

Stillbirths registered.....	8	6
Rate per 1,000 births.....	42.3	32.8

DEATHS

Deaths registered.....	138	141
Rate per 1,000 population, per annum.	10.7	10.9

INFANT MORTALITY

Infant Deaths registered.....	10	10
Rate per 1,000 live births.....	52.9	54.7

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH

Diseases of heart, arteries, kidneys, including apoplexy.....	69
Pneumonia.....	21
Cancer (all forms)	8
Tuberculosis.....	6
Violent accidental.....	5
Communicable Diseases (except tuberculosis).....	1
All other causes.....	31

ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	Cases Reported		Deaths	
	December		December	
	1934	1935	1934	1935
Diphtheria.....	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.....	15	226	0	1
Whooping Cough.....	30	196	1	0
Measles.....	42	2	0	0
Mumps.....	21	40	0	0
Chickenpox.....	250	92	0	0
German Measles.....	27	3	0	0

Premises Placarded 232. Premises Disinfected 70.
Visits by Quarantine Inspector 658.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

Below will be found a brief summary of the activities of the school medical services for December.

Public and Secondary Schools

1. Forty-six children received eyeglasses or repairs at a total cost of \$99.55. Contributions of \$9.95 were received.
2. Twenty-one accidents were reported by principals, as follows, fractures 4, sprains 3, cuts and bruises 10, eye injury 2, dog bite 1, broken teeth 1.
3. 1838 Half pints of milk were distributed in six schools at a cost of \$41.36.

Separate Schools

1. Nine children received eyeglasses or repairs.
2. One accident (an eye injury) was reported and was attended by the School Medical Officer.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

	Public Schools	Secondary Schools	Separate Schools	Separate Secondary Schools
Examinations.....	1947	510	426	31
Consultations with Parents.....	138	1	9	0
Consultations with Teachers.....	11	5	0	1
Home Visits.....	24	0	0	0
Defects Recommended for action.....	477	218	62	5
Defects under observation.....	586	103	240	114
Defects Terminated.....	632	102	914	34
Referred to Clinics.....	108	132	2	10
Referred to Family Physician.....	290	74	37	14

DIVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENE

New Cases.....	452
Cases Completed.....	307
Extractions: Permanent.....	49
Deciduous.....	420
Extractions under general anaesthesia.	145
Fillings.....	2112
Total operations.....	3725

DIVISION OF MENTAL HYGIENE

Cases carried over.....	417
Cases admitted.....	12
re-admitted.....	5
Cases discharged.....	3
Total active cases.....	431
Total Attendance.....	50
Examinations.....	92
Clinics held.....	13
Nurses' Visits.....	49

CHEST CLINICS

Previously registered New

Cases reporting.....	130	58
Active tuberculosis found.....	1	3
Other diseases found.....	35	21
Not definitely diagnosed.....	0	10
No disease found.....	54	23
Tuberculin tests.....	45	Pos... 8
Home visits by nurse.....	299	

ATTENDANCE AT CLINICS

Child Welfare.....	1177
Pre-Natal.....	248
Immunization.....	569
Vaccination.....	20
Venereal Disease.....	726
Mental.....	50
Chest.....	188
Nose and Throat.....	13

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

	School Activities		Separate	Separate
	Public	Secondary	Schools	Secondary
	Schools	Schools	Schools	Schools
Inspections.....	16,627	161	2,783	18
Exclusions.....	278		34	
School Consultations with Parents..	269	4	5	0
School Consultations with Others...	271	15	168	2
School Consultations with Teachers.	664	25	188	0
Health Talks in Classrooms.....	21	0	0	0
Health Talks with Pupils.....	4,936	152	1,526	14
Home Visits.....	3,094	0	119	0
Emergency Treatments.....	1,419	28	101	0

Home Visits

Not Found.....	496
Personal.....	3058
To Children under one year.....	510
To Pre-School Children.....	737
To School Children.....	1270
To Others.....	432
Pre-Natal.....	172
To Communicable Disease.....	1213

Time Summary in Hours

Visits.....	631
Clinics.....	818
Schools.....	1816
Office.....	655
Travel.....	552
Others.....	34
Office Routine.....	80

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATIONS

Pre-School.....	71
School.....	74
Schick Tests.....	278

DIVISION OF FOOD AND MILK INSPECTION

Inspections of Dairy Farms.....	207
Dairy cows examined.....	900
Dairies, Milk Depots, Equipment inspected..	205
Restaurants inspected.....	52
Central Market inspections.....	27
Total Inspections.....	2722
Total Milk Samples tested.....	609
Total Cream Samples tested.....	22
Milk bottles cultured.....	42
Food analyses.....	5
Food Condemned: Pounds of Meat.....	25
Pounds of Poultry.....	43

DIVISION OF SANITARY INSPECTION

Inspections of premises.....	2710
Inspections regarding noise.....	8
Smoke: Observations.....	891
Inspections of equipment, etc.....	113
Cyanide Fumigation supervised.....	22
Immunization and vaccination calls.....	1957
Special Inspections.....	7
Complaints attended to.....	65
Total Inspections and re-inspections.....	5708
Nuisances and defects remedied:	
Noise.....	3
Smoke.....	1
Plumbing.....	39
Other.....	228
Total.....	271

LABORATORIES

Examinations for: V.D.S.....	609
V.D.G.....	270
Tuberculosis.....	115
Diphtheria(Hosp.Routine)	502
Pertussis.....	10
Ringworm.....	10
Vincent's Angina.....	15
Enterica(Hosp.Diagnosis)	3
B.Abortus&Melitensis....	2
Dick Tests.....	13
Urinalyses.....	425
Other examinations.....	125
Examinations of milk bottles, milk samples, cream samples, etc.....	192
Food analyses.....	2
Water samples.....	60
Total examinations.....	2,356

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1935

Division	Appropriation	Expenditure
Administration.....	\$ 10,218	\$ 10,240
Public Health Education.....		92
Records and Statistics.....	4,402	4,287
Preventable Disease Control.....	8,862	10,222
Director, Medical Services.....	5,047	5,047
Maternal, Infant Hygiene.....	4,340	4,551
School Hygiene.....	9,696	9,628
Public Health Nursing.....	50,751	50,226
Dental Hygiene.....	16,215	16,871
Mental Hygiene.....	1,691	2,155
Director, Inspection Services....	2,280	2,157
Sanitary Inspection.....	7,437	7,719
Food Inspection.....	9,023	8,947
Laboratories.....	11,448	11,564
